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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/605,466	ABADEER ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Terry D. Cunningham	2816	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 March 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 01 October 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____ |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____ | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Summary of changes in this action

1. Examiner has considered Applicant's rejections in view of Arakawa and has found them to be persuasive. The rejection was based on Fig. 5 showing symbols for C₁ and C₂ that are conventionally known to represent capacitor-connected MOSFETs. However, the specification of Arakawa does not expressly disclose this to be fact. Additionally, the MOS structure shown in Fig. 6 does not clearly have both a "drain" and a "source". Thus, this rejection is hereby removed. Examiner notes that this reference may later be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-20 are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Otsuka (USPN 6,737,912).

With respect to claims 1-11 and 16-18, Otsuka discloses, in Fig. 2-4, a circuit comprising: "a first transistor (42); and "a second transistor (46)", all connected and operating similarly as recited by Applicant. The reference to Otsuka expressly discloses that there is a ratio between

the gate areas of N50 and N51 to determine the division factor of the divider (e.g., see Col. 5, lines 63 to Col. 6, line 12).

With respect to claims 12-15, 19 and 20 are, clearly the above circuit to Otsuka will provide the recited method. The reference to Otsuka expressly provides an example of the ratio being 1 (i.e., the gate electrodes areas are “equal”). Reference is made to Col. 5, lines 59-62.

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Majid et al. (USPN 6,518,814).

With respect to claims 1-11 and 16-18, Majid et al. discloses, in Figs. 5 and 7, a circuit comprising: “a first transistor (N50) including a gate electrode (16 of Fig. 3 as shown in Fig. 3) having an area, a source (one of 44 of Fig. 3) and a drain (another of 44 of Fig. 3)”; and “a second transistor (N51 as shown in Fig. 4) including a gate electrode (44 of Fig. 4) having an area, a source (one of the terminals of Fig 4 connected to ground) and a drain (another of the terminals of Fig 4 connected to ground)”, all connected and operating similarly as recited by Applicant. The reference to Majid et al. expressly discloses that the capacitors are of different size.

With respect to claims 12-15, 19 and 20 are, clearly the above circuit to Majid et al. will provide the recited method.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Terry Cunningham whose telephone number is 571-272-1742. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:30 to 6:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy P. Callahan can be reached on 571-272-1740. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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May 11, 2005


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